CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Council of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

Minutes of Meeting 97-4

held

Friday, 23 May 1997, at 2:00 p.m. in H-769

Present: Dr. D.J. Taddeo (Chair); Dr. M.O. Ahmad; Dr. J.W. Atwood; Dr. C. Bédard; Dr. R. Bhat; Mr. W. Bishtawi (Graduate Rep.); Ms. C. Blaquière (Undergrad. Rep.); Dr. J. Campanelli; Dr. P. Fazio; Dr. C. Giguère; Dr. G. Gouw; Dr. K. Ha; Dr. A.M. Hanna; Ms. L. Harris (Library); Mr. D. Hinton (Undergrad. Rep.); Dr. V.S. Hoa; Ms. S. Kiruluta (Undergrad. Rep.); Dr. C. Lam; Dr. L. Landsberger; Ms. A. Lappos (Undergrad. Rep.); Dr. F. Lowy; Ms. L. MacDonald (Registrar's Office); Mr. S. Melski (Undergrad. Rep.); Dr. E. Plotkin; Dr. D. Probst; ; Dr. T. Stathopoulos; Dr. J. Svoboda; Dr. L. Tao; Dr. C. Trueman; Dr. G. Turski (Secretary); Dr. G. Vatistas; Dr. M. Zaheeruddin; Dr. R. Zmeureanu

Regrets: Dr. C. Suen

Guests: Ms. P. Burnside and Mr. R. Martin (Registrar's Office)

1. Adoption of Agenda

It was proposed that Council consider, as items 6 a) and b), the formation of the Student Request Committee and the election of a faculty member (from outside the academic unit in question) to the Search Committee for Chair of the School for Building.

Motion 97-4-1 The modified agenda was unanimously adopted (G. Gouw, R. Zmeureanu)

2. Adoption of Minutes

Motion 97-4-2 The Minutes of Meeting 97-3 (11 April 1997) were unanimously approved. (T. Stathopoulos, C. Bédard)

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair introduced and welcomed Mr. Arthur Earle, Secretary-Treasurer of the Julian C. Smith Foundation, and noted some of the highlights of Mr. Earle's long

professional career. Dr. Taddeo also expressed gratitude to him and the Foundation for the generous scholarships intended for the Faculty's Electrical Engineering students. The Dean invited Mr. Earle to address Council.

Mr. Earle described briefly the history of the power generation in Quebec and the important role played by the American-born engineer Julian C. Smith, one-time president of the Shawinigan Water and Power Company. He explained that during the first half of this century the company played a major part in the industrialization of Quebec and the development of the province's engineering sector. Following Mr. Smith's death, a fund--to be administered by the SWPC senior administrators--was formed in his name to help the company's children obtain an engineering education.

The aging of the officers administering the fund has brought them to a decision to cease the fund's ongoing existence by disbursing, on a one-time basis, the remaining monies to the various engineering schools in Quebec. Mr. Earle said he was very pleased to have the opportunity to do so now, and handed over to Dr. Lowy a cheque for $15,000.

The Rector expressed, on behalf of the University, his sincere gratitude to Mr. Earle and the remaining members of the Julian C. Smith Foundation. The Secretary took a photograph commemorating the occasion.

The Chair reminded Council about the upcoming Convocation ceremonies on June 17th, and urged all members as well as their departmental colleagues to attend and participate in the important occasion of their students' graduation.

The recently concluded international aerospace workshop organized within the context of the international agreement between the Conference des grandes écoles françaises and the NCDEAS and held at Concordia proved to be a resounding success, with over eighteen universities from France and Canada participating along with many industry partners in the field. Dr. Taddeo congratulated Dr. Svoboda who was the principal Canadian organizer of the workshop.

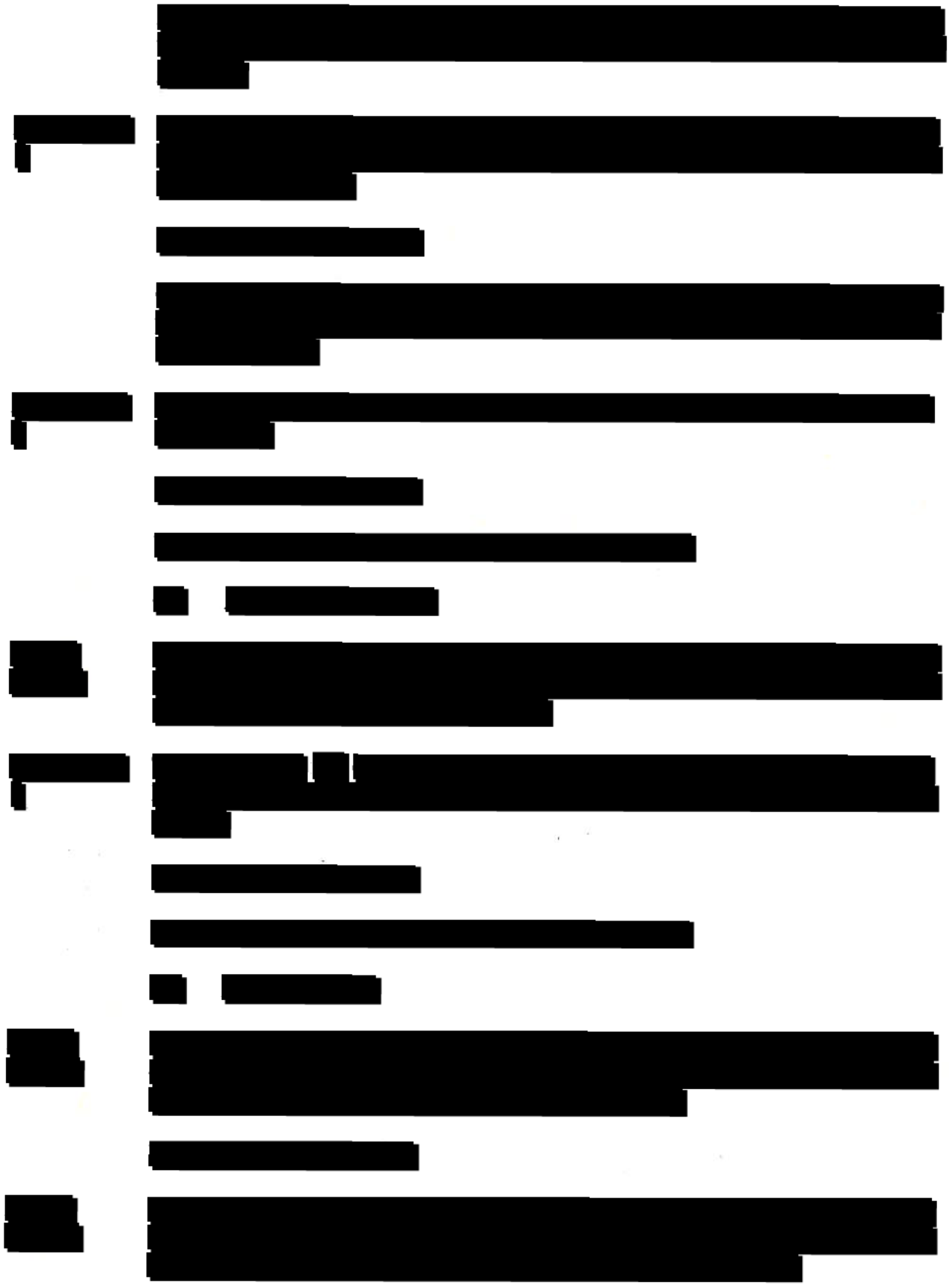
The Chair reported the University has just released statistics on the variation of the student body for 1995-96. These *clientele additionelle* figures indicate a positive net influx to Concordia of almost half million dollars, with the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science itself being responsible for generating even more than that amount--the lesser University total resulting from deficits in other academic sectors. Referring to the current very strong enrolment figures for the Faculty, Dr. Taddeo noted the special popularity of the Co-op option, as indicated in the new applications. The strong demand for the Faculty's programs will enable it to maintain high admission standards.

Concluding his remarks, Dr. Taddeo welcomed Mr. W. Bishtawi and Ms. R. Penekelapati as the new ECSGA representatives on Council.

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END OF CLOSED SESSION

5. Faculty Elections Committee--Approval of Membership

Motion 97-4-22 That Drs. A. Amiouny and J.W. Atwood be approved as regular members of the Faculty Elections Committee for 1997-98 (A. Hanna, S. Hoa)

Vote: Carried unanimously

Motion 97-4-23 That Drs. Khendek and Zaheeruddin be appointed as alternate members of the Faculty Elections Committee for 1997-98 (J.W. Atwood, A. Hanna)

Vote: Carried unanimously

6. Other

- a) Student Request Committee

Motion 97-4-24 That the Undergraduate Studies Committee assume as well the responsibilities of the Student Request Committee, as outlined in section 16.1.8 of the University Undergraduate Calendar (G. Vatistas, C. Giguère)

Vote: Carried unanimously

- b) Election of a faculty member representative from outside the academic unit in question to the Search Committee for Chair of the School for Building

The Dean requested that Council members reserve time for a brief meeting at 11 a.m. on Friday 30 May 1997 to elect, in accordance with Article 20 of the CUFA Collective Agreement, a faculty member to the above-noted committee.

In anticipation of adjournment, Dr. Giguère expressed, on behalf of Council, a most sincere appreciation and gratitude for Dr. Taddeo's efforts and dedication as Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science during the past four years. Dr. Taddeo thanked all for their compliments and ongoing support, and promised he will keep promoting the interests of the Faculty in venues within and outside the University.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.